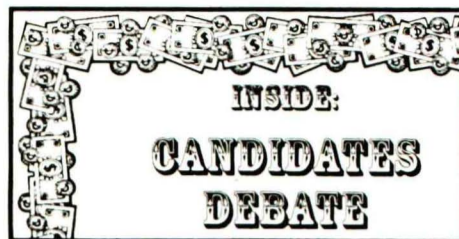


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## Council mixed on city manager's performance

by Cheryl Cohen

It's been a little over a year since City Manager Doug Yount had his annual work performance evaluation. Beginning with a closed session this week, City Council has begun the process once again.

Last year, Yount presented council with his own evaluation of his work for the previous year, using a rating scale where 5 equaled "exceptional," 4 "highly competent," 3 "competent," 2 "needs improvement" and 1 "poor."

Council, not wanting to give any bonus compensation based upon a scale which could potentially reward a "poor" rating, came up with its own rating scale which was unconventional, to say the least.

Council's rating methods began with 1 equalling "just above satisfactory," 2 "good," 3 "great," 4 "wowie-zowie" and 5 "walks on water." Yount ended up with a 3.2 rating, which by council's scale was just above "great."

Although he requested a \$15,000 bonus, he received \$8,000, \$2,000 below what he received the previous year. Council made note of the fact that they did not want to feel pressured to top the previous year's bonus each year as a matter of course.

This year, they won't be obligated to give him one at all. Last October, Yount received a raise in his base salary from \$87,912 to \$99,000, with the condition that he would not be eligible for bonuses for the balance of his contract, which was extended until September of 2001.

They also decided that this year, they would proceed without the benefit of Yount's review of himself.

Although public employee evaluations are considered a personnel issue, some of the council members were willing to give an opinion of Yount's performance as their city manager.

Councilman Craig Lake had much to say regarding Yount, starting with what he called an overall communication breakdown. He said he can keep more abreast about things going on at city hall by going to the barber-

shop or talking to the executive director of the chamber of commerce than he has gotten from Yount.

He also said there is less for Yount to do personally now, but that it seems he's producing less.

"We don't have a fire department anymore, he no longer has to negotiate union contracts. We

continue to expand the city's use of outside consultants, but city services continue to stagnate. We used to have a full staff working every other Friday. Now we're open five days a week, but the department heads are still only there every other Friday, leaving support staff

with nobody to go to with questions."

Also, Lake has concerns about Yount moving ahead with granting projects to contractors without first bringing them forward to council or the redevelopment agency. This generated legal costs by the city attorney which were not within the budget for the agency.

There was also the matter of not getting encroachment permits for the big boxes installed by Cox Cable adjacent to residential property, even when Yount had a memo from as early as March of this year with recommendations from Community Development Director Linda Niles. Lake thinks that was plenty of time to prepare the residents of Lemon Grove for the generator boxes.

Some of the contracts involved were addressed in an internal memo from the city manager to the redevelopment agency board members. The contracts included:

- Rosenow Spevacek Group: not to exceed \$10,000 — for work on the time extension of the eminent domain authority.

- Rosenow Spevacek Group: not to exceed \$5,000 — Preliminary negotiations with College Ford for expansion plans.

- Rosenow Spevacek Group: estimated \$3,000 — Preparation and mailing of notices relating to an amendment to the redevelopment plan.

- Pacific Relocation Consultants: not to exceed \$2,000 — letters of agreement for assistance in the relocation and

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City Manager  
Doug Yount

## Grove's gain a double-edged sword

by Cheryl Cohen

There were no invitations sent to Lemon Grove officials for the unveiling of Vestar Development's redevelopment plans for Marketplace at the Grove last Saturday.

However, since the project's announcement last July, they have had plenty of time to think about how the revitalization project will affect their own city which lies only one street away.

Wal-Mart and Sam's Club will be the new anchor stores of the center, which will once again be named "College Grove Center" the same as it was before an unsuccessful attempt at a 1980's revival dubbed it "Marketplace at the Grove."

Vestar says that agreements are also forthcoming with a home improvement store, office supply store, and a crafts/party goods store. Mervyn's and Longs Drugs will remain as tenants, and will be open during the renovation along with Blockbuster Video, Home Savings of America, Coco's Family Restaurant and the Grove Bowling Center.

The post office will be relocated to a temporary site during construction until being moved to its new permanent home across the parking lot from Longs Drugs.

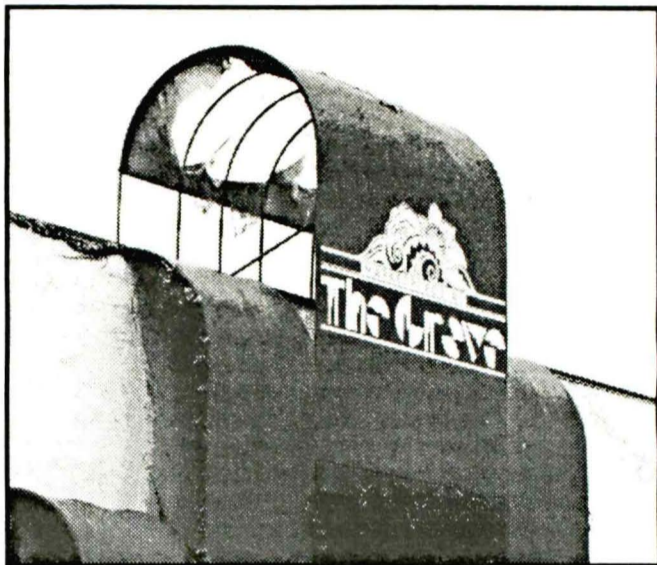
The Mann Theaters at the center will not remain, nor will they be replaced, leaving a void in family film entertainment between the proposed Magic Johnson Theaters to be built at I-805 and Imperial Avenue and the Grossmont Shopping Center in La Mesa.

Lemon Grove has been long been fancied as an ideal location for theaters, as well. In May of 1997, California Development Company's Ben Cipranic presented the city of Lemon Grove with a massive proposal for a "destination" center, complete with stadium-seating style theatres, restaurants and shops.

Characterized in retrospect as a "pipe dream" by city manager Doug Yount, the developer had a myriad of problems with the planning, and in the end, failed to get financing.

Although the Cipranic project didn't materialize, the city has remained open to other proposals. AMC Theaters, without the city's solicitation, recently expressed more than a passing interest in the properties surrounding the former Super Saver Food Store on Lemon Grove Avenue, including the Lemon Grove Community Center and Department of Recreation offices.

Councilman Tom Clabby has



The Grove will mend its tatters when developers bring in Wal-Mart and Sam's Club. What will happen to Lemon Grove businesses?

Photo by Cheryl Cohen

taken a representative of the theater chain on a tour of this site, but there is no firm proposal or agreement from AMC.

Clabby isn't as concerned about any negative impact on his city by the Grove's resurgence as he was when it first opened in 1960. He thinks the majority of people will soon be shopping via the Internet and telephones rather than traveling to malls.

"My concern is that I don't want Lemon Grove to turn into the 99-cent store capital of the world," said Clabby.

Councilman Dwight Shelley

was echoed by Mayor Mary Session and Yount when he said the redevelopment of the Grove would help to define Lemon Grove's market once it is finished.

They also mentioned that the challenge to Lemon Grove businesses now may depend on the marketing they can do to attract business over from College Grove.

"We would have preferred to have Wal-Mart in Lemon Grove," said Yount. "But then there's the fear that it would have directly competed for business with the smaller retailers in town. It's a double-edged sword."

## Local campaigns in full swing as final month opens

Elections are funny things. Some years, a race will be chocked full of candidates and the next cycle, few people run.

Incumbents tend to run for re-election, at a distinct advantage over challengers in terms of fund raising and name recognition.

Smaller planning groups and fire boards often have several seats open and not enough candidates filing to warrant an election. Those who file are seated automatically.

The Lemon Grove Review will devote considerable print to candidates in the next month. Our coverage will focus less on what the candidates say as who they are and where they get their money.

Here's a list of the candidates to be found on ballots in Lemon Grove on Election Day. Ballots will vary depending on in which mix of districts the voters lives. Incumbents are designated by (\*\*) and the



years they've held office if known.

### Lemon Grove School Board

Frank Baker

George Gastil

Janne La Valle\*\*

(appointed this year)

Michael Ott\*\* (4 yrs.)

Mark Pettis

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# M is for Mayor

Personal comments of Mayor Mary Sessom  
New youth and adult activities abound

Just when you thought you had to drop your exercise program to chauffeur the kids or grandkids around for their recreation, everything changes. In the space of one week, we learn about new opportunities for activities for our youth and potential recreational outlets for adults.

The Lemon Grove Project announced at its Town Hall meeting on Sept. 23 (hope you didn't miss it) the receipt of a Critical Hours grant from the county. Specifics are not yet finalized but the goal is to give our middle school aged children places to "hang."

We currently have the recreation center but the project wants to take this one step further, and is dreaming of a Teen Center with music, games, food and all those other things that attracts teenagers. In conjunction with the school district, the project envisions a shuttle bus plan to move the kids from Palm Middle School over to the center of activities at Lemon Grove Middle School. The goal is to have this center up and running before the spring semester starts.

On that same day, Sept. 23, the Salvation Army announced the receipt of an \$80,000,000 grant from Joan Kroc for the sole purpose of building and endowing a community center to benefit La Mesa, San Diego and Lemon Grove. This community center will have educational facilities, a computer library, an Olympic size swimming pool, performing arts center, ice skating rink, soccer field and softball field. (And to all middle school kids reading this - yes, I have been pushing for a skate park). This center will be opened in two years and will include a bus element to safely transport our kids and older kids to the center. As Mrs. Kroc told all in attendance at the press conference, "I want to give the children a safe place to do things."

Rumor has it that the instructor of the very successful Tae Kwon-do classes at Lemon Grove Middle School and Vista La Mesa Elementary School is considering something for us older kids - an aerobic kick-boxing class. Before you say no, consider the benefits - aerobic exercise to music, while indulging your fantasy to kick the "stuffing" out of someone (you supply the name).

The beautiful aspect of any of these three projects is that the cost to the city is minimal and the benefit to our citizens is tremendous. This allows the city to put its resources to supplementing these projects. What the supplements should be is still open to debate. If you have any suggestions, give us a call at City Hall. (464-6934).

## WEATHER

The following information was provided by the National Weather Service.

	High	Low
September 21	75	63
September 22	73	65
September 23	76	64
September 24	74	59
September 25	74	59
September 26	74	62
September 27	81	56

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## B Words

by Bob Burns

### A few thoughts about our trip to Ireland

Forgive me for expounding about Ireland. However, if Mayor Mary can talk about England, then I take leave to do so as well. Jackie and I have not traveled very extensively, but have done enough to know foreign hospitality, good or bad. Our recent trip to Erin's Isle has convinced us that there is perfection, as we experienced it there.

We took a standard tour with Brendan Tours, that our good friend and travel agent, Sandy Shelver, arranged for us. It was flawless in the planning and logistics, as well as the marvelous reception we received from the natives. They are the friendliest and most selflessly helpful people in the world, I am sure. The buses, the guides, and the accommodations were all excellent, and we did see a lot of the history of the tiny island.

Ireland is about 350 miles long and 140 miles wide to give perspective. And, you have never seen green until you visit there. They get a lot of rain, but have a climate much the same as we have here for the most part.

The roads are not crowded with traffic at all except the municipalities, such as Dublin and Cork. The roads are very narrow however, and they generate a load of courtesy when meeting oncoming traffic. Regarding the roads, we found them to all be in excellent repair.

We also learned that there is a national buy-back program for automobiles, and the oldest car we met on the road was a 1988 model. The fact that fuel is 65¢ per liter may well account for the fact that there are a lot of bicycles on the roads.

The history of Ireland is one of almost constant conflict with invaders as well as themselves. It is said that they fight each other when they cannot find a more worthy opponent. We traveled as far north as Donegal, which is a mere 30 miles from Omagh. We did not venture into Ulster, and found nothing but friendliness wherever we went. The grief of the tragedy was everywhere, however. The real feeling is that, at last, such methods of fighting on either side is at an end. All are certainly praying that it is true.

After our tour that crisscrossed the island, we rented a car for another week. We stayed in bed and breakfast farmhouses and private homes. All were comfortable, and the traditional Irish breakfast is something special. Each evening we went to a local pub for very large portions of food at reasonable prices. Also, there was always singing and dancing which we were all welcomed to join in. The only bad meal we had was back in Dublin, a French restaurant, which was a mistake.

Jackie and I heartily recommend Ireland for its beauty of scenery and its history of early monastic accomplishments. It is really true that Saint Patrick, and many other monks and church people, saved civilization by recording and preserving the books and knowledge. The dark ages saw so much of it destroyed by the hordes that controlled Europe for so long with no desire to preserve art and sciences.

## Upcoming Events

### Church to hold rummage sale

The Lemon Grove Congregational United Church of Christ will hold a rummage sale from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the church, 2770 Glebe Road. The sale will include clothing, furniture, books and household items.

### Scout-o-Rama to held in Santee Saturday

There will be a Scout-o-Rama presented by the Heartland District Boy Scouts of America from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the intersection of Carlton Hills Boulevard and Mission Gorge Road in the lot adjacent to the Marietta Restaurant in Santee. There will be both static displays and demonstrations. This is also the period in local Boy Scouting called "round-up," where new Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts join units. For more information, please call Clayton M. Anderson at 589-8800, Joey Carr at 258-2776 or Jack Wurtz at 440-0303.

### Christian Women's Club to hold country fair

There will be a country fair presented by the Grossmont Christian Women's Club with creative displays and bushels of goodies, accompanied by Blue Ribbon Tunes from Bo Knowlton from 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m., Oct. 8 at Casa Picante, 10757 Woodside Ave., in Santee. Cost is \$9 and reservations for luncheon and free child care can be made by calling Virginia at 462-4829, or Gerry at 449-6350.

## Worship Directory



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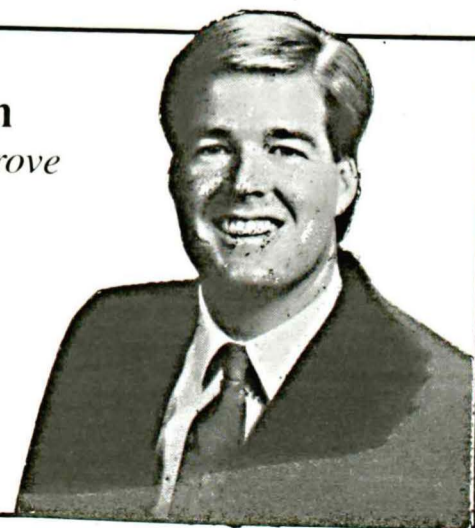
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# Commentary

by Paul Treske

The smoke has cleared a bit, the Starr report is out and the Grand Jury tape has been thoughtlessly broadcast. The public has begun to react and Congress, desperately fixated on the November elections, has begun to take its stand. Therefore, it's time to get out the old crystal ball and make my fearless, if biased, predictions of how the so-called "White House scandal" will play itself out.

First and foremost, the Republicans will not "get" the president. He will not resign and although they may try impeachment, he will not be convicted. In short, one way or another and short of assassination, he will complete his elected term.

This does not mean that the turmoil will ease off. The story is too big, the press is too dedicated to it and the GOP's rabid right wouldn't let go of it for a minute. With elections only a month away, Bill Clinton is the Republicans' best weapon to achieve significant gains in Congress. And they will! This will be an agonizingly bad year for the Democrats who will lose seats they have held onto for years.

Once the election is over, Congress will find itself under increased pressure to act one way or another. The majority of the public wants this mess over with, but they also want Bill Clinton to stay in office.

So what then? I predict a try will be made at impeachment by some of the more rabid Republicans, but it will fail because there are no real grounds for such action. They will ultimately

## Predictions

settle for some kind of censure. The last President censured by Congress was Andrew Jackson, but "Old Hickory" paid absolutely no attention to it and went on to be considered one of our finer presidents.

Will Clinton's final two years be a crippled presidency? Only to the degree that Congress will be overwhelmingly hostile and the media will never let us put the issue aside. Otherwise, both the nation and the world will need a functioning US President and even a hostile Congress will have to cooperate to some degree both for the good of the country and their own electoral futures.

I'll go even further now with long-range predictions. Twenty years from now, historians and the press will look back upon this time period and shake their heads in wonderment and shame that the media of 1998 was so heedlessly caught up in what was, after all, a minor and personal scandal.

True, Bill Clinton acted stupidly and without presidential stature. But his act itself constituted no threat to the government. That threat came from the reprehensible actions of Ken Starr and the national media which has utterly lost perspective in its feral pursuit of a "juicy" story and, in the process, left a permanent scar on the American right to privacy.

I don't imagine that future generations will look very kindly upon Bill Clinton, but I am sure they will view both Starr and today's media as out-of-control and destructive of the future of the nation.

# PG Perspectives

Burp genes

by Phillip Giannangeli

I'm not sure why certain supposedly biologically neutral gender activities are nonetheless exhibited more so by one sex rather than the other. In some cases, almost exclusively by one sex. For instance, I've never heard, seen, or read anything about women priding themselves on their ability to burp loudly or participating in burping contests. I can't even remember the last time I saw or heard a woman burp. On the other hand, some men will drive across state lines to prove their prowess in this highly competitive area. I'm pretty certain that burps are biologically neutral, so why are they so much more a part of the masculine scene than the feminine one?

Along the same line, there is a different biologically neutral activity that seems to fall more heavily into the camp of women. That's crying. And don't go telling me about the sensitive man mystique. The crying thing is so much more a female characteristic than a male one that it seems to bespeak an extra set of tear ducts for females. Or perhaps males get an extra burp gene in lieu of a healthy crying one. Again I ask myself, what is going on?

This inquiry is not intended to find fault with, or for that matter to exalt, either gender. That would be fool hearty no matter what the leaning. This attempt to gain understanding is simply my feeble way to try to get a handle on some interesting differences that are not mandated by our biology. What is it about us that makes us act differently even though we are essentially equipped the same?

Another area where I have noticed profound differences is in the arena of hair. Hair is common to both genders, but if you pay close attention you'll notice that women and girls fiddle with their hair far more than men and boys ever do. Deep in thought, a woman will take a strand of hair and absent-mindedly twirl it around a finger. They do it everywhere. At four-way stops, coffee shops and even waiting in line at the bank, women twirl their hair. Men, certainly as cognizant of that part of their appearance as women are, seldom if ever resort to twirling. Could there be a twirling gene, hiding somewhere on those strands of DNA, that we're not aware of?

A final disparity. One that should have absolutely nothing to do with our wiring is the tendency for tenacity. Both genders exercise it, but they do so in two mutually excluding areas. Men, it is said, will never, ever ask for directions. Regardless of the gravity of the situation, men will not cross the line and ask for help. Women, on the other hand, will not hesitate one instant to ask. So far so good. But here is the disparity. While men will move on, women will never forget each such incident and the interminable grief it caused. The unwilling man forgets easily. The willing woman never forgets. Memory and vulnerability, equally distributed, unequally displayed.

When you think about it, as I have just done, I believe you'll see my point. Although we are all pretty much wired the same, men and women react very differently at certain times and in certain ways. I don't know it that makes either gender superior to the other, but I do suspect one has the edge. Burping doesn't take as much out of you as crying does. What do you think that says?

## Letters to the Editor

Gambling on Indian reservations in California is a win-win situation for the gambling interests in Las Vegas who are trying to influence California politicians to halt Indian casino-style gambling. Las Vegas should change their campaign and pay California to promote Indian gambling.

The reason is simple. Californians scoot to the reservations to win a few dollars during the week and then with those winnings head for Las Vegas on the weekend to get in on the "Big Money."

Once again California gold is going to Las Vegas. I'm surprised that the fellow who does the "In Search of California Gold" show on TV hasn't gone to Las Vegas to film a segment.

S. JOHNSON  
Lemon Grove

## Reel thoughts

### 'Antz' challenges conformity, animation

by Betty Jo Tucker

It's not easy being a worker ant. Just ask Z-4195, one of the billion tiny insects in "Antz," a fully computer animated movie from Dream Works Pictures.

Z feels uncomfortable with the regimentation he must endure. He longs for some individuality as well as for a romance with Princess Bala, but realizes both desires are taboo because of the colony's rigid caste system. However, when a twist of fate thrusts him into the role of a revolutionary leader, everything about Z's life changes.

With Woody Allen and Sharon Stone providing the voices of Z and Princess Bala, these tiny animated bugs come to life on the big screen. Viewers can't help cheering them on in their battle against the evil General Mandible (voiced by Gene Hackman).

"Computers are still an incredibly untapped resource for artistic expression, and computer animation as a genre has only just begun to be explored on the big screen," reports director Eric Darnell. "We're not trying to duplicate reality or to copy traditional two-dimensional animation."

"The computer permits the characters and the camera to move in 3-dimensional space, which allows the audience to be drawn into the story that much more."

"Antz" introduces a new facial animation system allowing animators to lay down the dialogue one time and still be able to change and re-change the character's facial expressions.

According to supervising animator Rex Grignon, the animator's job is to make the characters come to life.

"The subtleties of a lip tremble or a squint or the nose flaring are cues the audience sees and interprets whether they realize it or



Z (Woody Allen) tries out some new dance moves in the romantic comedy adventure, "Antz."

not," he said.

For "Antz," videos of the performers were shot while their voices were being recorded. Animators then used the videos as a reference for gestures and movement of each character.

In addition to Allen, Stone and Hackman, the following actors lend their vocal acting talents to this romantic comedy adventure: Sylvester Stallone, Anne Bancroft, Dan Aykroyd, Jane Curtin, Jennifer Lopez, Danny Glover and Christopher Walken.

Making their animation debuts, all of these stars bring their own personalities to their respective roles.

"Animation is really fun," comments Lopez in the film's production notes. "There are no set rules, and you can just go for different things."

Bancroft agreed.

"You can be as big and broad as you want without worrying about getting out of your light or upstaging anyone," she stated. (Lopez gives voice to a pretty worker ant and Bancroft to the domineering Queen.)

While traditionalists may prefer the type of animation seen in such classics as "Snow White" and "Beauty and the Beast," most moviegoers will be impressed by the technical wizardry of this amusing and sometimes inspirational PG-rated film.



January's coming ...

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## KingFest East County 1999

This is the third year the La Mesa Human Relations Commission and others in East County are organizing a tribute to Dr. King and his dream of peace.

We need: Dancers • Singers • Actors • Speakers • Artists • Refreshments • Children to march in opening ceremony • Stage/technical support • Volunteers for lots of odd jobs

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La Mesa Community Center, 4975 Memorial Drive, La Mesa

To help out or for further information, call 462-8485.



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#### Grossmont Healthcare District

Gloria Chadwick  
Gary Clasen  
Johnney Minarick  
Wanda Walker  
Dennis Wilcox\*\* (appointed this year)  
Armand Wohl\*\* (4 yrs.)

#### Grossmont Union High School Board (no incumbent)

James Albright  
Robert Byron  
Gary Cass  
Ted Crooks  
Dan McGeorge  
James Miller, Jr.  
Marvin Mittleman  
Robert Robinson  
Don Sauter  
R.J. "Chip" Splinter  
George Vanek  
Bob Ward  
Barry Willis

#### Grossmont-Cuyamaca College Board

**Seat #1**  
C. Scott Cioffi  
Rebecca Clark\*\* (8 yrs.)  
Sarah Holshouser  
Johnney Minarick

**Seat #2**  
Barbara Alexander  
Rick Alexander\*\* (8 yrs.)  
Emad Bakeer  
Steve Jones

**Seat #5**  
Lisa de Jesus  
Gary Kendrick\*\* (appointed this year)  
Seth Kuoha

#### County Treasurer (no incumbent)

Bart Hartman  
Conny Jamison

#### 75th Assembly District (no incumbent)

William Cowling III  
David Debus  
Donna Tello  
Charlene Zettel

#### 77th Assembly District

Steve Baldwin\*\* (4 yrs.)  
Margaret "Marge" Carlson  
Elizabeth Meyers

#### 40th State Senate District

Bob Divine  
David Graham  
Steve Peace\*\* (16 yrs., Assembly/Senate)

#### 52nd Congressional District

Lynn Badler  
Duncan Hunter\*\* (18 yrs.)  
Adrienne Pelton

## League of Women Voters to host candidate forums

Sometimes reading a candidate's biography, noting endorsements and looking over campaign finance records isn't enough to settle the voter's mind. The League of Women Voters is hosting a series of open forums to allow the electorate to meet, see and hear candidates talk.

Candidates are posed questions by League moderators. The audience may not question candidates directly, but are asked to turn questions in writing into the moderators.

The following forums are scheduled for October:

#### La Mesa-Spring Valley School Board

Tonight, 7:30 - 9:00  
La Mesa City Council Chambers  
8130 Allison Ave., La Mesa

#### Santee City Council

Monday, Oct. 5, 7:30 - 9 p.m.  
Rio Seco School  
9545 Cuyamaca St., Santee

#### Grossmont-Cuyamaca College Board

Thursday, Oct. 8, 5:30 - 7 p.m.  
Grossmont College, Griffin Gate  
8800 Grossmont College Dr., El Cajon

#### La Mesa City Council & Mayor

Monday, Oct. 12, 7:30 - 9 p.m.  
La Mesa City Council Chambers  
8130 Allison Ave., La Mesa

#### El Cajon City Council & Mayor

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 7:30 - 9 p.m.  
Wells Park  
1153 E. Madison Ave., El Cajon

#### Grossmont Union High School Board

Thursday, Oct. 15, 7:30 - 9 p.m.  
El Cajon Valley High School  
1035 E. Madison Ave., El Cajon

#### 77th Assembly District

Saturday, Oct. 17, 5 p.m.  
La Mesa Senior Center  
8450 La Mesa Blvd., La Mesa

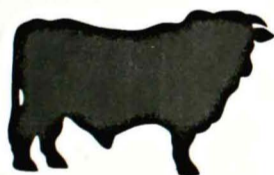
#### Santee School Board

Monday, Oct. 19, 7:30 - 9 p.m.  
Rio Seco School  
9545 Cuyamaca St., Santee

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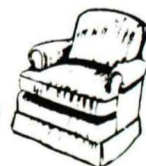
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## County creates board for mobilehome owners

by Joe Naiman

Mobile home owners and residents in several incorporated cities have mediation organizations, so Supervisors Greg Cox and Dianne Jacob felt that mobile home tenants in unincorporated areas should also have the benefits of such a process.

The other three members of the Board of Supervisors agreed Sept. 22, resulting in the adoption of an ordinance to create a County Mobile Home Issues Committee.

The 10-member committee will be comprised of mobile home park owners and residents who will be appointed by the Board of Supervisors, with equal division of committee members between park owners and residents.

Each supervisor will appoint one park owner and one resident on the committee, which will hold public monthly meetings. A

professional mediator would serve as the chair and although the committee's actions would be advisory only and not binding upon the parties, experience with similar committees in El Cajon, Chula Vista and San Diego causes the expectation that most issues will be resolved to everyone's mutual satisfaction.

After the supervisors accepted the recommendation by Cox and Jacob in June to direct the Chief Administrative Officer and County Counsel to work with representatives of mobile home park owners and residents in the unincorporated areas to develop an ordinance, the staff consulted with representatives of both groups including the County Mobile Home Positive Action Committee (COMPAC), Golden State Mobile Home Owners League, Inc. (GMSOL), San Diego County Park Industry Association and Western Mobile Home Association.

## Cuyamaca College introduces new faculty

Cuyamaca College has added 11 new faculty members and one new administrator, welcomed at the September 15 meeting of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College Governing Board.

Dr. Cristina Chiriboga, vice president of instruction, presented the new instructors. College President Sherrill Amador then introduced Dr. Madeleine Wolfe, Cuyamaca's new associate dean of instruction.

ceived his doctorate in a joint program of UCSD and SDSU.

• MaryLu Miller brings expertise as a professional graphic designer to her teaching position in graphic design. She earned her master's in Art and English from the University of Denver. She offers practical work experience and fine arts design background to Cuyamaca's newly formed Fine Arts and Graphic Design Department.

launch the men's basketball program at Cuyamaca College as the team's new coach. He earned his master's degree from San Jose State in physical education with an emphasis in sports psychology.

• Dr. Kathryn Nette joined Cuyamaca last spring as a biology instructor. She received her doctorate in microbiology from Rutgers University. She brings 15 years experience in the biotechnology industry.



New faculty introduced to the college board this month by Cuyamaca President Sherill Amador and Trustee Ron Kraft (far right) are (left to right) Mary Asher-Fitzpatrick, James Marsh, Rob Wojtkowski, MaryLu Miller, James Graham, Patrick Thiss, Kathryn Nette, David Detwiler and Debra Babylon.

Photo by John Dixon

New to Cuyamaca are:

• Debra Babylon is teaching life drawing and art appreciation. She is an artist who exhibits her work locally and throughout the United States. She received her masters degree from Bowling Green State University. She was an instructor at San Francisco School of Art.

• Mary Asher-Fitzpatrick is the Learning Disability Specialist with her master's degree and learning disabilities certification from San Diego State University. She spent 17 years as a teacher and resource specialist in the the Grossmont Union High School District.

• James Graham is teaching environmental technology as a temporary replacement for instructor Michael Hall. Graham has a master's degree in economics from Sacramento State University.

• Michele Gorthy is the new speech instructor and coach of the forensics team. She has a master's in speech communications from San Francisco State University.

• Dr. James Marsh brings his background in research to his position as a chemistry instructor. He formerly taught chemistry part-time at Cuyamaca. He re-

• Alicia Munoz is teaching English as a Second Language. She earned a master's degree in English with a ESL emphasis from San Francisco State University and spent two years at Scripps College studying Latin American Studies.

• Patrick Thiss, in addition to teaching P.E., is coaching track and field. He brings an impressive athletic record as well as a master's in sports psychology from SDSU.

• Rob Wojtkowski is teaching physical education and will

• David Detwiler received his master's in Spanish Literature from SDSU. He is working with a colleague on Web applications in Spanish language instruction.

• Dr. Madeleine Wolfe joined the administrative staff in June as the new Associate Dean of Instruction. She has a doctorate in educational organization and leadership from the University of San Francisco. She was a business instructor for eight years at San Jose City College and owned her own business.

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## City manager

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expansion of Deering Banjo.

Yount's explanation for these actions was that city council/agency members have directed him "through the adoption of the budget, general plan and other strategic policies, as well as directly at meetings to proceed with these economic development services, and to do them quickly," without having to come back for specific approval by council and the agency.

Yount also notes that he has no control over legal costs to the agency, and that the budget will have to be amended to accommodate them.

Mayor Mary Sessom concurs that there was an understanding by Yount that he was directed to move ahead without bringing these things before agency, but that it was only a technical problem which will be corrected and brought forth as necessary.

"It's no big deal," she said.

She was strongly opposed to stating an opinion prior to the council meeting behind closed doors, saying it was a very serious matter.

"It would look like I was going in with a pre-determination, and it wouldn't be fair to rate him without the rest of council," Sessom said.

Recently appointed council-

woman Jill Greer limited her opinion to her three-month tenure on the dais, but said her experience working with Yount has been excellent so far.

She finds him to be very responsive to her questions and never too busy to explain the paperwork she has to work with as a member of council.

City Councilman Tom Clabby says many accomplishments by Yount's department speak loudly by going unnoticed.

"Our streets are improved, we've had sewer system improvements, and as long as they're functioning okay, nobody says anything," he said. "We've had no major lawsuits, no huge employment upheavals, so somebody must be doing something right. It all points to our city manager who we look to to handle all of these things."

Councilman Dwight Shelley limited his comments to saying he hoped this closed session would give council an opportunity to standardize their rating scale to something more viable.

Although they may abandon the "walk on water" type of scale this year, all council members expect the process to continue to at least another session before bringing it before the public.

## October Forum Family Movie

by Betty Jo Tucker

Many parents want more information about films than the Motion Picture Association of America provides in its rating system.

To assist them, Forum publishes a monthly list of new releases with notations of areas that might cause concern.

This guide does not rate a film's artistic quality and is not intended as an attempt at censorship. It is offered only as a resource for parents.

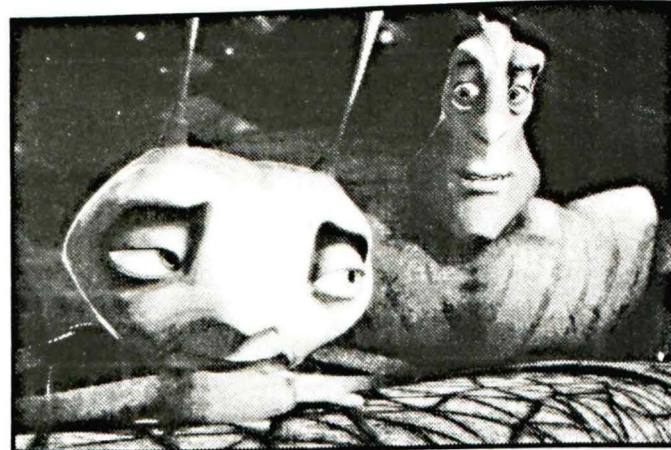
Movies released for October viewing include the following:

**A NIGHT AT THE ROXBURY (PG-13).** Two goofy losers take on the club scene. Includes sexual innuendo and gross humor.

**ANTZ (PG).** Worker ant leads revolution against conformity. Shows computer animated insects fighting and killing each other in scenes that might bug some young children.

**HOLY MAN (PG).** TV station manager hires misfit prophet for home shopping network. Contains some questionable language.

**PLEASANTVILLE (PG-13).** Two teens zap themselves into 50s black and white television show. Contains sexual situations and strong language.



**Z (Woody Allen)** laments to his best friend Weaver (Sylvester Stallone) about his lot in life in the romantic comedy adventure, "Antz," a co-production of DreamWorks Pictures and PDI.

**PRACTICAL MAGIC (PG-13)** Two sisters with supernatural powers react differently to man trouble. Includes sexual situations and violence.

**WHAT DREAMS MAY COME (PG-13).** Dead husband searches the Afterworld for wife who committed suicide. Includes questionable language as well as an explosive car crash and other disturbing images for young children.

**RONIN (R).** Six mercenaries are employed to nab a mysterious suitcase. Contains bloody violence, a graphic surgery, and

some strong language.

**THE IMPOSTORS (R)** Down-and-out Depression actors assume various roles while they stow away on cruise ship. Contains slapstick violence and sexual innuendo.

**URBAN LEGEND (R).** Numerous murders seem to be imitations of scary on-campus stories. Includes violence, gore, sexual situations, and strong language.

**PECKER (R).** Working-class photographer gains fame in New York art scene. Includes sexuality, nudity, strong language, drug use and lewd dancing.

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